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SUBJ: WAIVER OF IMMUNITY - DEPENDENTS

REF: 2 FAM 221.5

1. BACKGROUND. GOI WILL NOT ALLOW MISSION DEPENDENTS WHO HOLD DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL PASSPORTS TO WORK ON LOCAL ECONOMY, EXCEPT IN CERTAIN AMERICAN CURRICULUM SCHOOLS. JOBS ARE AVAILABLE IN NEARLY ALL PROFESSIONAL CATEGORIES AND U.S. TOURIST PASSPORT HOLDERS HAVE NO PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING WORK PERMITS, RESIDENCE PERMITS AND ESTABLISHING THEMSELVES AS TAX-PAYING FOREIGN EMPLOYEES. MISSION POLICY IS THAT UNLESS MFA STATES "NO OBJECTION" TO A SPECIFIC DEPENDENT'S APPLICATION FOR A SPECIFIC JOB, THE DEPENDENT MAY NOT ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT. MFA HAS NOT RESPONDED TO "NO OBJECTION" REQUEST FOR OTHER THAN TEACHERS IN MORE THAN TWO YEARS AND CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HAS INDICATED INFORMALLY THAT HIS OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO IGNORE SUCH REQUESTS. PROBLEM AS HE SEES IT IS DEPENDENT CARRYING THE PRINCIPAL'S CIVIL LAW AND TAX IMMUNITIES INTO NORMAL COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES.

2. PRESENT SITUATION. MISSION HAS 20-30 DEPENDENTS, PRIMARILY SPOUSES, WHO WISH THEIR IMMUNITY WAIVED AND TO ADJUST STATUS IN COUNTRY OR DEPART IRAN AND RETURN ON TOURIST PASSPORTS. WAIVER APPLICANTS INCLUDE AN ATTORNEY, A CHIMICAL ENGINEER, TWO ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS,
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A PERSONNEL SPECIALIST AND A FINANCIAL MANAGER, EACH OF WHOM HAS EMPLOYMENT OFFERS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED.

A. DEPARTMENT DELEGATE IMMUNITY WAIVER AUTHORITY (2FAM 221.5) TO AMBASSADOR, LIMITED OF COURSE TO ACTIONS INCIDENT

TO EMPLOYMENT.

B. I BLANKET WAIVER AUTHORITY NOT POSSIBLE ADVISE INFORMATION NEEDED TO PROCESS INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS.

C. ADVISE IMPACT, IF ANY, OF SUCH STATUS CHANGE ON USG VIEW OF DEPENDENCY, I.E., TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION, ALLOWANCES, ETC.

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